

Lawyer's Row (Holliday Office Building)
30-36 Rouss Avenue
Winchester
Virginia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Winchester (ind. city)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Lawyer's Row - traditional name because it served as lawyer's offices.		HABS NO. VA-691
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Holliday Office Building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 30, 32, 34, 36 Rouss Avenue, opposite Frederick County Court House		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1874, from assessments in Winchester City Land Books (1873, p. 13; 1874, p. 13)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Excellent example of small-town office row of late 19th century. Largely unaltered. The row was built to serve as law officers, and was conveniently located across the street from the county courthouse. Built by F. W. M. Holliday, Governor of Virginia from 1878-1884.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular with Italianate details; bracketed cornice and front porch		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, common bond, bearing walls. Rubble limestone foundation walls. Iron tie rods.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See HABS measured drawings		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A decorative, bracketed cornice spans front and returns at the corners. Semi-elliptical attic windows on end facades. One-story front porch has a wide frieze, and bracketed wooden columns.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Simple trim with plaster walls. Only the center office on the first floor has the original mantels and woodwork.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES As each first floor office had two fireplaces, it is probable that these spaces were originally two rooms. Second floor large room now divided into two rooms. Originally the flooring was wooden, but now various resilient flooring is used. One story addition at rear, and rear entrance to center office has been bricked in.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good (1972), although the upstairs had then been vacant for several years.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Frederick W. M. Holliday, for whom the building was built and named, was born in Winchester in 1828. He served in the Civil War as a Colonel and then in the Confederate Congress. He practiced law in Winchester, and was Governor of Virginia from 1878-1884.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register as part of Winchester Historic District. Winchester Deed Books 13, 27, 61, 117; Will Books 5, 10; City Land Books 1870-76; Russell, W.C., What I Know About Winchester (Staunton, Va., 1953); Winchester Times, May 31, 1899 (Obit. of Holliday)		
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